Condition of National Highway No. 75

†1777. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highway No. 75 is totally damaged;

(b) whether there are so many pot-holes on this Highway from Devri to Satna;

(c) the total amount spent on the construction of this road so far;

(d) whether despite the guarantee given by the road contractor no measures of maintenance are being carried out; and

(e) what is the time-limit for completion of work on this road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pot holes reportedly exist in some kms. of Devri to Satna Section especially after the rains, which are being repaired. Amount spent on this section under Plan Head till date is Rs. 19.19 crore since its declaration as National Highway in 1999.

(d) and (e) No Sir, as per report received from the State Government maintenance of this section is actually being done through the contractors executing the works under performance guarantee for three years after construction. Development and maintenance of National Highways is continuous activity. The ongoing works in this section are targeted to be completed by December 2006.

Central Assistance proposal from Maharashtra

1778. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the Maharashtra Government's proposal for Central assistance worth around Rs. 195 crore under the National Coastal Protection Project, and included it under the first phase of this project in 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the Central assistance sanctioned therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the progress made so far in implementation of the project; and

(d) the reasons for the delay and cost escalation incurred so far on account of the delay?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The Maharashtra Maritime Board submitted a proposal for an estimated cost of Rs. 195.50 crore in July 2002 for inclusion in the proposed National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP). The proposal includes 72.36 Km of anti-sea erosion works in Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Thane, Raigarh, Ratnagiri ad Sindhudurg Districts. As the NCPP has been planned for seeking external funding, an approach paper on coastal protection has been prepared and submitted to the Planning Commission who has taken up the matter for exploring the possibility of external funding.

Bangalore-Mysore Highway

1779. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to beat its deadline of 30th September, 2005 to complete the four-lane Bangalore-Mysore Highway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the expected target date at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The four-laning of Bangalore-Mysore Highway is a State road project. Government of Karnataka is responsible for four-lanning of this Highway.

Private participation in National Highways

1780. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether being unable to secure private participation in National Highway stretches in Bihar, North East and Jammu and Kashmir, Government's support is sought to be increased from 40 per cent to 60 per cent to ensure completetion of work on National Highway on schedule;